

Economic Development & Municipal Sustainability

The Town of Mayerthorpe has installed 9 more decorative poles around the downtown area and at the south end of Main Street. If your family, business, organization, or Church would like to purchase/sponsor a banner similar to the ones already on the poles along Main Street, please contact Sylvia. The cost of a one-sided sign will be a maximum of \$250.00 & GST. This is a one-time cost—there are no annual fees thereafter.

The Town's "2009 Photo Contest" resulted in many beautiful photographs being submitted. Congratulations to our Grand Prize winner Linda Smith. Our thanks to all those who participated in the contest.

The photos will be used in various promotional brochures etc. for the Town. If you want to see them, they've been mounted on coroplast and can be viewed at the Town Office or log on to www.mayerthorpe.ca.

The Citizen's Advisory Group has been meeting regularly to plan for the sustainability of the Town. We take into consideration the input we received from the high school students and from the surveys that were completed and submitted. A community public meeting will be held sometime this spring to present our ideas and to get feedback from you. We're also working with the Town on developing a "Facebook" profile. Watch for all of these in the near future.



Grande Prize Photo—Submitted by Linda Smith

TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE BYLAW BULLETIN

Just a reminder that Dog licenses for 2010 are now overdue. Please get your license as soon as possible. A \$5.00 license is a lot cheaper than a \$50.00 fine. Dogs are not permitted to be off the owner's property at any time of the day or night without being on a leash.

Traffic safety is a priority and subsequently enforcement of traffic rules will continue. The following are traffic issues that will be focused on along with speeding; U turns can only be made at an intersection (an alley is not an intersection). As the schools in particular continue to have concerns regarding the making of U turns in the school areas, the enforcement of this infraction will be stepped up. **It is illegal** to park on the wrong side of the road facing oncoming traffic. **It is illegal** not to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. **It is illegal** not to wear your seat belt. **It is illegal** to operate a vehicle with frosted or snow covered windows. When angle parking, **It is illegal** to cross into an oncoming traffic lane in order to enter or exit a parking stall. With the lines now painted on the new pavement to define traffic lanes, this infraction is now being enforced.

As of April 15th, 2010, Recreational Vehicles and Trailers of any type can once again be parked on the street for up to 72 hours. After the 72 hour period, they must be removed from the street for a minimum of 72 hours before it can once again be parked on the road. Slide outs are not permitted to be extended while parked on the street as they cause an obstruction on either the road or the sidewalk.

Finally, I want to remind people to please keep their sidewalks cleared of snow and ice. Residential property owners have 48 hours to remove snow from their sidewalks after a snow fall. Businesses have 24 hours. The snow and ice that you remove from your property must be placed on your own property.

The above noted bylaws as well as all others of an enforcement nature can be viewed on the Town website at www.mayerthorpe.ca. Should anyone have any questions, please contact myself at 786-2416.

Gord Sedgewick
Community Peace Officer
Town of Mayerthorpe.



Utility /Tax Department

Water/Sewer

The Town of Mayerthorpe is pleased to report the start of a new Utility (water/sewer) electronic meter program. The Master Link program will lead to utility reads being done entirely from a vehicle remote reader. This new system is innovative and will be a great time saver when all devices are in place. With many different reports and alarms available, the Town will be able to track consumption much easier with less chance for error.

Please be reminded that sewer rates increased effective May of 2009 with the passing of Bylaw #934. This rate was changed after reviewing rates within the region and taking into consideration revenue required to fund payments for the new lift station, force main and lagoon upgrade. A copy of the bylaw can be picked up at the Town Office. Please remember that the consumption of your water is the same as your sewer; however, the rates are different.

Spring is just around the corner and with the lack of snow, it's time to start thinking about water consump-

tion and perhaps how to reduce it. From planting plants that thrive with little water to watering before the midday heat, there's always something you could do to reduce your consumption. Little changes can add up to big savings.

Business Licenses

Business Licenses should have been purchased by the end of January. For every month a business is late in obtaining a license, the business will have to pay a \$10.00 penalty for each month.

Public Utilities - Service Connection (Sewage) Blockages

The Town Office receives ongoing inquiries regarding responsibility when dealing with "service connection" sewage blockages. The following is being provided to clarify these roles and responsibilities. These sections are to be read in conjunction with sewage blockages only. Other matters may warrant a different process and/or procedure.

Definitions

Section 28 (e) of the Municipal Government Act defines "service connection" as the part of the

system or works of a public utility that runs from the main lines of the public utility to a building or other place on a parcel of land for the purpose of providing the utility service to the parcel and includes those parts of the system of works described in section 29.

Parcels adjacent to Roads and Easements

Section 35(1) of the Municipal Government Act applies when the main lines of the system or works of a municipal public utility are located above, on or underneath a road or easement and the municipality provides the municipal utility service to a parcel of land adjacent to the road or easement. (2) The municipality is responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of the portion of the service connection from the main lines of the system or works to the boundary of the road or easement. (3) Despite subsection (2), the council may as a term of supplying the municipal utility service to the parcel of land make the owner responsible for the costs of the construction, mainte-

nance and repair of the portion of the service connection from the main lines of the system or works to the boundary of the road or easement. (4) If the owner is responsible for the costs of the construction, maintenance or repair referred to in subsection (3), those costs are an amount owing to the municipality by the owner.

Service Connection - Owner

Section 37 (1) of the Municipal Government Act further states that the owner of a parcel of land is responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of a service connection of a municipal public utility located above, on or underneath the parcel.

Town Policy VI-004

As per Town Policy VI-004 Sanitary Sewer Lines-Blockages, residents should be aware that the Town of Mayerthorpe shall not be responsible for sanitary sewer line blockages on private property. The area from the sewer main to the residence shall be the responsibility of the property owner. (This portion of the policy refers to Section 35 (3) and (4) above).

Please be reminded that the Town of Mayerthorpe will send out Tax Notices in May.

Developmental Assets

There are 40... How many does your child have?



Mayerthorpe & Area FCSS and Mayerthorpe Town Council are pleased to announce that we have committed to the philosophy of **Positive Youth Development** in this community using **40 Developmental Assets**.

ASSET BUILDING

Development Assets are 40 opportunities, skills, relationships, values and self-perceptions that all young people need to succeed. The Developmental Asset Framework was created by the Search Institute, a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization whose mission is to provide leadership, knowledge, and resources to promote healthy children, youth and communities. The Framework is a research-based tool that encourages all individuals to make a difference.

The assets provide a framework for action that encourages all individuals to make a difference, no matter who they are or what their lives are like.

Imagine for a moment what young people experience when they have many, many people and places in their lives all committed to nurturing and strengthening them by building assets:

families that communicate and enjoy spending time together, supportive teachers and school staff, elected officials who have worked diligently to protect rights and opportunities for all youth, and so on.

Experience has taught us that our asset-building power grows exponentially in this kind of environment. As we work *together* on behalf of young people we ensure that they receive consistent messages and treatment, and we ourselves benefit because we connect with people who share our ideals, our vision and our commitments.

Supporting environments where assets can be built is one of the most important things we can do in the healthy development of young people. Here are a few principles that will help guide us in our efforts:

- **Everyone can build assets.** Building assets isn't just about great families or schools or neighborhoods. It requires consistent messages across a community.
- **All young people need assets.** While it is crucial to pay special attention to youth who struggle – economically, emotionally, or otherwise – nearly all young people need more assets that they have.
- **Relationships are key.** Strong relationships between adults and young people, young people and their peers,

and teenagers and children are central to asset building.

- **Asset building is an ongoing process.** Building assets starts when a child is born and continues throughout high school and beyond.
- **Consistent messages are important.** It is important for families, schools, communities, the media, and others to give all young people consistent and similar messages about what is important and what is expected of them.
- **Intentional repetition is important.** Assets must be continually reinforced across the years and in all areas of a young person's life.



Asset #1 - Family Support

Developmental Assets

There are 40... How many does your child have?

Family support is the first of 40 Developmental Assets proven to help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible and avoid all sorts of social problems including substance abuse. That is why as a community we are working together with parents and other important people in children's lives to promote and build assets and asset development opportunities.

Family support is a good foundation – all young people need love, comfort

encouragement and help from their families. You can show the children in your family that you love and support them in many ways. When you hug them or say, "I love you", the sentiment is obvious. Paying attention to them, listening to them, and taking an interest in what they're doing are less noticeable ways of giving support. After all, does your child feel supported when you come home from an exhausting day, and he or she wants to talk - but you want a break. The young people closest to you know your body language. They listen to what you say – and don't say. They notice when your words and actions don't match. Make it a point to be sure they hear your message

of love and support loud and clear at

all times.

Here are some simple ideas for building family support:

- Find fun and free activities to do with your family.
- Find games that encourage interaction.
- Keep looking for new, fun games.
- Add new twists to old favorites.
- More hugs! Young people need to know you love them. (This is a perfect exchange because you get more hugs too!)

Put at least one evening a week aside for family activities. Let the whole family brainstorm activities. Consider them all!

Spend time with your children individually. Let them know that your time together is important to you.

Children learn to love and support by example. Be loving towards yourself, your spouse/partner, and your pets. Eat at least one meal together a day.

Make lunch bag/box love letters for the whole family. Do something healthy that you enjoy to refuel your Personal Support tank frequently a bath, a nice walk, shoot hoops, read.



Asset #38—Self Esteem

Creating an environment in which children receive appropriate, positive feedback and reinforcement about their strengths, skills and competencies is the key to building good self-esteem. And, self-esteem is one of 40 Developmental Assets, together which have been proven to prevent substance abuse, eating disorders, suicide and a variety of other social problems. More importantly, these assets help children grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

Sometimes we struggle to know what to do to help children develop self-esteem. Educator, Diana Looman and her daughter Julia, have written a wonderful guide called “100 Ways to Build Self-Esteem and Teach Values”. This book provides insights and practical ideas for “creating more love and less fear, more joy and less pain, and more achievement and less failure in people of all ages”.

Create a safe and loving environment to allow self esteem to grow.

Make one-minute love connections, i.e. a lunch box love note or answering ma-

chine messages.

Make a habit of giving ten words of acknowledgement each day to a child and watch the closeness grow.

Help children substitute empowering thoughts and words into everyday statements, media slogans, fairy tales, song lyrics.

Create an ‘esteem theme’ – a positive theme each week such as courage; read about it, discuss it and practice it.

Create a special song for your child and sign/hum it on special occasions or at bedtime.

Get into the habit of spending a few moments each night with your child, picturing the next day unfolding in a positive way.

Create a family book that allows you to celebrate the little and big things in life. Leave it in a place that is accessible for all to write in as well as read.

A new year has begun and many adults have made resolutions to take control over their lives and make healthier and more responsible choices in 2010. Rather than doing this once a year,

Asset #37—Personal Power

parents and other adults can model personal power and empower young people throughout the year. It is important for children to learn that they can influence control over things that happen to them. That is why **Personal Power** is asset 37 of the 40 Developmental Assets, the qualities, experiences and relationships that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

A sense of personal power gives young people the confidence to embrace positive attitudes and behaviors, and walk away from risky situations and behaviors. About 42 percent of young people, ages 11 – 18, feel that they have control over things that happen to them according to Search Institute surveys. In February 2008, 53% of Grade 4 – 6 girls and 62% of Grade 4 – 6 boys reported having this asset.

Ideas for building this asset:

In your home and family: Teach your child practical skills, such as how to change a tire, cook a meal, and sew on a button. Well-prepared young people are more likely to feel a sense of personal power.

In your neighborhood and community: Support young people’s efforts to be industrious. For example, buy lemonade from their lemonade stand, read their homemade newspaper, attend a play they put on in their garage.

In your school or youth program: Challenge the young people in your class or program to come up with a creative way to raise money for an underprivileged family or a charity in your area. Then put the plan into action. Serving others helps young people realize they can make a difference in the world, which gives them an enormous sense of personal power.



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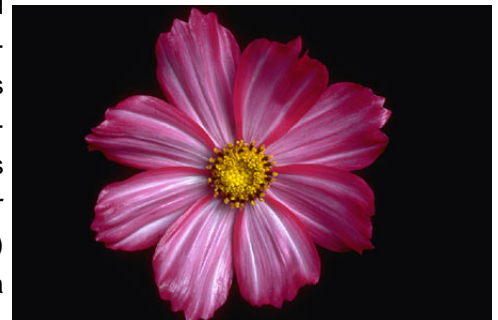
January 20, 2010

Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre and Outdoor Swimming Pool Replacement Projects

The Town wishes to keep the people of Mayerthorpe updated on the progress of the Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre and Outdoor Swimming Pool Replacement Projects. Tech Cost Consulting Ltd. was hired as Project Manager to manage the overall projects from Project Start-up to Occupancy in June 2009. Bearden Engineering Ltd. was hired as Prime Consultant to provide conceptual and preliminary designs for both facilities, prepare working and drawings including site plan, floor plan, structural, mechanical, and electrical, in July 2009. Both firms entered into agreements with the Town that include Fixed Fees based on an estimated construction budget of \$6 million. The Town has not incurred additional expense in design of preliminary drawings of the arena and outdoor swimming pool. An Open House was held August 18, 2009 to present a conceptual design of a stand alone arena, swimming pool, and site plan with future curling rink. The Town reported that the cost estimate on the conceptual design had not been received at this point, the conceptual design was subject to change based on budget constraints, and that input received taken into consideration. This conceptual design changed to include joining facilities based on public input. The Town received the cost estimate for this revised design on November 13, 2009 and was estimated at \$12

million double the \$6 million budget. As a result, new stand alone preliminary designs for both facilities have been prepared and provided to the Town on November 23, 2009. The Projects continue to move forward with completion of the Site Survey, Phase I Environmental Assessment, Geotechnical, Block Layouts, Site Survey, Preliminary Designs and Cost Estimates. Expense incurred to date is \$123,764.39 primarily paid for with insurance proceeds. An impasse has been reached in trying to resolve the insurance claim and the Town is now in arbitration with the insurance company. Mr. Daniel Hagg, Q.C. of Bryan and Company LLP, Barristers and Solicitors has been appointed as Umpire through the arbitration process. Mr. Hagg is listed as one of the best lawyers in Canada in the area of Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, and Product Liability Law. It is anticipated that a recommendation will be provided by Mr. Hagg by January 31, 2010. This process has resulted in a 4 to 6 week delay in the Project Schedule. The Project Schedule originally anticipated starting construction in April 2010 with completion May 23, 2011. Items being disputed are directly related to the former Exhibition Centre as it stood five minutes before the fire on July 29, 2008. A Corporate Donation Committee was formed in June 2009 with (1) member from Arena Operating Committee, (1) member from Mayerthorpe & Area Recreation and Aquatic Society, (2) - current and former elected officials, and (1) citizen at large. This Committee, as well as, community groups

throughout the Community has raised \$122,298.91 with donations coming in on a regular basis. Federal and Provincial funding received/committed include: \$222,292 Community Facility Enhancement Program (Swimming Pool), \$25,000 Community Initiatives Program (Tube Slide), \$500,000 Community Facility Enhancement Program (Arena Upgrades), and \$75,000 Agricultural Initiative Program (Arena Stock Holding Facilities) \$822,000 Recreation Infrastructure Canada Program (Arena), Woodlands County \$100,000 (Pool), Lac Ste. Anne County \$100,000 (Pool), Town Recreation Reserve \$136,085 (Pool/Arena), and In-Kind Donation \$37,700 (Pool). All donations are held in trust pending construction of the arena and outdoor swimming pool. Pre-arbitration Insurance offer is \$3,613,492.65. Post-Arbitration is (?) at this point. The Town has received verbal commitments from industry, funds yet to be received. All donations received by the Town are being held in trust pending construction of the Arena and Swimming Pool.



March 1, 2010

Fire Department Update

FIRE NEWS – Spring update

The Fire Department is currently recruiting membership for the upcoming year. We have accepted one new member bringing our current membership to 19 dedicated people. However, we require 5 more to fill our total complement.

Membership is a great way to serve your community, become involved, meet new people, and it is exciting and very rewarding. Firefighting does require dedication to training, teamwork, and involves a time commitment of a minimum of 8 hours per month. You need to be willing to respond to calls as often as possible. The more trained members we have the easier it is on all. Training is free to you and calls attended are paid by the hour. All we ask is you come out and see if it is right for you. The Mayerthorpe Fire Department is a highly progressive and professional volunteer organization, full of very proud community minded individuals, and a valuable asset to our community, which is only as strong as the committed individuals within its ranks. We can't wait for you to join! We meet at the Emergency Response Center every Thursday of the Month at 7:30pm

If fire fighting is not for you we are always looking for new members of the Mayerthorpe Emergency Services So-

ciety our community and emergency services fund raising organization. We participate in a number of activities (Such as our annual golf tournament, and Fireman's Ball) throughout the year which compliment the success of our Fire Department initiatives by fund raising to enhance the services we provide that benefit the community by not burdening the municipal tax payer with full cost of our local services. Much of the funding is grant eligible giving us access to provincial and federal grants. Our local fundraising also benefits the community as 25% of all funds raised are distributed to local groups for community building and enhancement initiatives.

With the lack of snow fall and precipitation in the fall we are expecting a very dry spring, and as such we are expecting a busy wild-land season. You can help by "fire smarting" your urban and rural properties, by completing your spring yard cleaning as soon as the snow leaves. Cutting and clearing dead grass and shrubs around all structures, and keeping your yards free of clutter you will help stop the spread of wildfires. Pay attention and adhere to potential fire restrictions and bans placed in the County of Lac Ste Anne, or the Town of Mayerthorpe. They do not necessarily coincide so please contact the Town office if you have questions about current bans.

Remember Fire Pits are for burning fire wood only! Do not burn rubbish, leaves, shrubs, or uncut trees. For full information on what can be burnt in town limits, and for a copy of our fire pit regulations, please visit the Town

office or contact them, they will be happy to help you.

Sincerely,

Randy Schroeder – Mayerthorpe Fire Chief



Development

Reminder to all Mayerthorpe residents, if you are planning any type of development please contact the Town office prior to construction for information regarding a development permit, or you may view our Land Use Bylaw No.890 at www.mayerthorpe.ca.



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On **March 27 at 8:30 pm**, hundreds of millions of people around the world will turn off their lights for an hour to demand action on climate change. But that's just the beginning. Every hour, Canadians are taking small steps to lessen their impact on the environment. From hanging your clothes to dry to taking transit to work, those small steps add up to huge changes for the better.

The Town of Mayerthorpe has joined this initiative and encourages all Mayerthorpe residents to become part of this World Wildlife Fund initiative to help demonstrate that even small acts can make a big difference.

Council Meetings Dates

March 15, 2010—7 pm P & P
March 22, 2010—7 pm
April 12, 2010—7 pm
April 19, 2010—7 pm P & P
April 26, 2010—7 pm
May 10, 2010—7 pm
May 17, 2010—7 pm P & P
May 25, 2010—7 pm
June 14, 2010—7 pm
June 21, 2010—7 pm P & P
June 28, 2010—7 pm

“The Development of a Safe, Healthy and Successful Community,”